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### **Rhea Barnett, 106, Plans to Attend Party**

Rhea Barnett, 106, is the oldest person planning to attend today's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Centenarians Day celebration honoring Utah residents who are 100 or older. Mrs. Barnett, born March 17, 1898, is also the 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest known Utahn. She lives in West Jordan.

Mrs. Barnett and at least 30 more of Utah's 99 centenarians will gather at the Utah State Fairpark Zion Room, 201 N. 1000 West, Salt Lake City, from 10 a.m. until noon. Utah's oldest known resident is Mrs. Pearl Blain, 109 of Roy. She does not plan to attend.

Mrs. Barnett was born before hamburgers were invented, when a horse and carriage was the most common form of transportation and long before television or modern refrigerators were around. She and her compatriots have incredible stories to tell.

"What a pleasure it is to recognize these citizens today," said Gov. Olene Walker, who was in attendance with her husband, Myron. "The collective wisdom and experience shared by this group of centenarians is astounding, and I am honored to be part of this ceremony where their worth and contribution to our state is formally acknowledged."

The Pizzicato Strings will serenade centenarians and their guests as brunch is served.